Remarks

In this Response claims 1-20 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 21-32 have been added. Support for the new claims is found throughout the originally submitted application. No new matter has been added. Claims 21-32 are presently pending.

Rejections of Claims 1-20

As claims 1-20 have been cancelled these rejections stand moot and will not be discussed further.

New Claims

Claim 21 recites an apparatus comprising:

an adapter configured to couple the apparatus to a voice network; an input key coupled to the adapter and configured, upon actuation, to initiate a negotiation procedure to procure an access code via the voice network; a network interface configured to couple the apparatus to a data network to provide a data network session of a data conference based at least in part on the access code; and

an image processor coupled to the network interface and configured to communicate image data with the network interface.

It is clear that neither of the cited articles of the Office Action used to reject claims 1-20, e.g., Begis (U.S. Pat. No. 6,907,034) (hereinafter "Begis") and Fan (U.S. Pat. No. 6,636,506) (hereinafter "Fan"), alone or in combination, provide an apparatus having the elements of claim 21.

For example, in Begis components such as the switch 310, the telephone 110 (or 305), and the computer 105 (or 325) provide various functionalities. Assuming, arguendo, that all of the elements of claim 21 may be read from the provision of these collective functionalities, Begis still fails to disclose that these elements are found in a single apparatus as claimed in claim 21. Because one skilled in the art would not interpret Begis to teach or imply the apparatus of claim 21, for example, Begis cannot be said to anticipate or make obvious this claim. Claims 22-32 depend from, or include limitations similar to, claim 21. Therefore, claims 22-32 are patentable over Begis for at least the same reasons.

The reliance on Fan in the Office Action was for the purposes of teaching an exchange of first and second IP addresses of first and second sites. As this is not a claimed element of claim 21, Fan will not be further discussed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims 21-32 are presented in allowable form. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 796-2972.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

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